

CLAIMS:

1. A device (10) for recording recordable media belonging to at least one recordable media type, comprising:

- a discrimination unit (13) for assessing, upon receipt of a medium (11), if the medium is a recordable medium,

5 - a reading unit (12) for reading user-information present on the medium,

- a table (17) of recordable media types (18), the table having a set of supported access functionalities (19) for each recordable media type,

- a recognition unit (14) for recognizing, when the discrimination unit has assessed that the medium is a recordable medium, the recordable media type to which the

10 recordable medium belongs,

- an enabling unit (15) for enabling the set of supported access functionalities for the recordable media type to which the recordable medium belongs, and

- a user-information recovery unit (17) for instructing the reading unit to read the user-information present on the recordable medium, upon failure of the recognition unit

15 to recognize the recordable media type present in the table to which the recordable medium belongs.

2. A device (10) as claimed in claim 1, wherein the table (17) comprises recordable DVD media types.

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3. A device (10) as claimed in claim 2, wherein the table (17) comprises in particular: DVD+R, DVD-R, DVD+RW, and DVD-RW.

4. A method for accessing a medium (11) comprising:

25 - a discrimination step (21) for assessing if the medium is a recordable medium,

- if the discrimination step has assessed that the medium is a recordable medium, a recognition step (22), based on a table of recordable media types, the table having a set of supported access functionalities referred to each recordable media type, for recognizing the recordable media type to which the recordable medium belongs,

- if the recognition step has succeeded in recognizing the recordable media type to which the recordable medium belongs, an enabling step (26) for enabling the set of supported access functionalities for the recordable media type to which the recordable medium belongs, and
- 5 - if the recognition step has failed to recognize the recordable media type to which the recordable medium belongs, a reading step (27) for reading the user-information present on the recordable medium.